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SUBJECT: HK NEWS STORY ALLEGES US-PRC BARGAIN, MISSILE GUIDANCE
AID FOR OIL EXPLORATION RIGHTS

1. SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST FEBRUARY 25 FRONT-PAGED
SENSATIONAL STORY CLAIMING THAT US AND PRC ARE BAR-
GAINING TO TRADE TECHNICAL AID USEFUL FOR ICBM GUIDANCE
SYSTEMS FOR OIL EXPLORATION RIGHTS (FULL TEXT IN REFTEL).

2. BY-LINE IS PETER LOKE, SCM POST REPORTER WHO IS CURRENTLY
IN HONG KONG, BUT STORY CLAIMS "TOP MILITARY SOURCES"
INVOLVED IN THE 13-NATION ENERGY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON
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HAD REVEALED THE INFORMATION EXCLUSIVELY TO THE SCM

POST "YESTERDAY" (I.E. FEBRUARY 24). QUICK REVIEWS
BY USIS OF WEEK-END TAKE OF UPI, REUTER AND NCNA
TURNED UP NO ITEMS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BASIS OF
STORY. LOKE HAS BEEN AUTHOR OF A NUMBER OF
INACCURATE AND SENSATIONALIZED STORIES, OFTEN
DEALING WITH US SERVICEMEN IN HONG KONG.

3. WE HAVE RESPONDED TO SEVERAL ROUTINE, JUST-FOR-
THE-RECORD QUERIES BY SAYING THAT WE HAVE "NO
INFORMATION" ON THE STORY.
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